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does not correspond to the depressions or elevations of a specific keyboard array.

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7. (Amended) The enclosure of claim 1 wherein said keyboard further comprises at least one communication means between said keyboard and an external device.
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18. (Amended) A structure comprising a keyboard assembly and a protective enclosure therefore, wherein said keyboard assembly has a plurality of keys on a top face thereof, and an obverse face opposite said top face and, optionally, a means to provide communication between said keyboard and an external device; and wherein said enclosure has an envelope-like structure comprising at least a top panel, two vertical side panels, a vertical front panel and a vertical rear panel, said enclosure of a size to receive said keyboard when said enclosure is only minimally stretched, wherein said top panel comprises a thin, elastomeric and substantially transparent or translucent membrane in proximate contact with said keys of said keyboard, provided that said top panel cross-section does not correspond to the depressions or elevations of a specific keyboard array.
19. (Amended) A method of avoiding the transmission of disease carrying organisms between at least one user and other users of a keyboard comprising having said at least one user apply to said keyboard prior to use thereof, and removing prior to use of said keyboard by another, of a personal, easily removable keyboard cover to said keyboard by said user, said cover comprising a protective enclosure or cover for a keyboard assembly having a plurality of keys on a top face thereof, and an obverse face opposite said top face and, optionally, a means to provide communication between said

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keyboard and an external device; said enclosure having an envelope-like structure comprising at least a top panel, two vertical side panels, a vertical front panel and a vertical rear panel, said enclosure of a size to receive said keyboard when said enclosure is only minimally stretched, wherein said top panel comprises a thin, elastomeric and substantially transparent or translucent membrane in proximate contact with said keys of said keyboard.
